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CHILDREN OF JOSEPH TWINS, SR.

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Hanks Family

Children of
Joseph Hanks, Sr.

Thomas

Excerpts from newspapers and other
sources

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VINNIE GRAY
608 N. MULBERRY STREET
MADISON, INDIANA

Dr. Louis A. Warren
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Sir:

Through a relative, I have learned that you have published several booklets on the Hanks' genealogy.

As a descendant of that family I am very much interested in collecting this information. Would you please send me a list of these booklets and the price.

My mother was the daughter of Elijah Hanks, son of Thomas Hanks.

Sincerely yours,
(Miss) Vinnie Gray.

Elijah & Thomas Hanks

August 23, 1940

Miss Vinnie Gray
608 N. Mulberry St.
Madison, Ind.

My dear Madam:

We are greatly interested in the history of the Hanks family in this Foundation and publish each month an eight page bulletin called the Lincoln Kinsman.

The subscription price for this bulletin is \$2.00 a year and several of the bulletins have discussed the Hanks family and last month presented records on the Hanks family in the Nottoway River country in Virginia and next month it will discuss the Roanoke River Colony of Hankses in Virginia.

We will be glad indeed to place your name on our mailing list if you care to receive this bulletin. A sample copy is enclosed.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB
Enc.

Director

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COPY
C. M. COCHRANE
501 LANE BLDG.

Davenport, Sun. Night Dec. 19th

1948

Dear Mrs. Pinneo:

Herewith please find the fine article about your father, and the excellent picture of him, in today's 'Democrat'.

I was very sorry the editor failed to heed my suggestion about adding Mrs. Diemer's name as another of his daughters.. so I phoned her and apologized for the oversight by the editor.

I have asked Mr. Harrison to put a correction item in the paper, about this omission.

Dr Snyder had written me that he was glad I thought of this, and he approved the addition to the article, which missed-fire in some way.

Best wishes for a Happy Christmas to you all--

Sincerely yours,

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Dr. Warren: Attached find same article for your possible information and use.. I had visited Old Man Hanks a few times, and not long ago Dr. Snyder asked me to drive him to Princeton for an interview, for publication, also a photo of Mr. Hanks. The old fellow is in remarkable ~~shape~~, mentally and physically, and his mind is very clear about everything. You would think he might be 80 or 85, and not 98!!

Otherwise, all as usual here. Bollinger still in fine condition, at 81½ yrs. Picks me up every morning in his car, to ride down town.. We compare breakfasts. The other morning he admitted that he had eaten hot boiled pigs' feet for his morning repast!

My wife and I leave for Columbus, Indiana, this week for the holiday with our daughter & family.. I expect to see the Rev. T.K. Smith, as usual, while there. A man I always call on there is former Judge Chas. S. Baker (92) who studied law in the office of Jesse Weik, in Greencastle. (After graduating from DePauw)..)

Regards--

C.M.C.

P.S. Princeton is a town on the Miss. River some 20 miles north of Davenport. (in Iowa, of course)..

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LEADER

DECEMBER 19, 1948.

C. M. COCHRANE

501 LANE BLDG.



HE IS COUSIN OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN—One of the few living descendants of Abraham Lincoln is David Warren Hanks, Princeton, Ia. Mr. Hanks, who is 98-years of age, is a direct relative of Nancy Hanks, mother of Lincoln.

sisters, and many from Kentucky, followed Thomas Lincoln to Indiana to get out of a slave-owning state. One of the sons, Samuel G. Hanks, later moved to Whiteside county, Illinois, where David Warren Hanks was born in June, 1850, and where he lived as a boy and young man.

He recalls clearly the exciting years of the Civil war including the day in April, 1865, when his father came home from the grist mill where he had taken a load of grain, with the word of the assassination of his cousin, the president of the United States. Mr. Hanks had three cousins in the Union armies.

The most of the relatives in the Hanks family were familiar names to the Whiteside county family, but they personally knew only a few of them. Of Dennis Hanks, who figures a good deal in the Lincoln story, Mr. Hanks said, "I do not know very much about him except that he was not very enterprising." That judgment is easily verifiable. But of the Sparrows and Friends and the Halls who married Hanks girls there evidently was not much discussion in his boyhood home, as he remembers little about them. One would like to know if among them there were men and women of kindly voice and courtesy such as this grandson of Thomas Hanks of a century and more ago retains, as he marks off nearly a hundred years of gracious living.

David W. Hanks Of Princeton Active at 98

Recalls Exciting Days
Of '61-'65 and Death
Of Famous Cousin.

(Editor's note: This is an article written by Dr. Charles E. Snyder, former pastor of the Unitarian church, about David Warren Hanks, 98-year-old cousin of Abraham Lincoln, Dr. Snyder, now retired, resides in Iowa City.)

By DR. CHARLES SNYDER.

The neighboring suburb of Princeton is the residence of an elderly gentleman whose hair is white with the passing of 98 years of living. His hearing is somewhat impaired and his eyes do not see as clearly as they once did; but he moves with facility about the house, and his memory is keen for one of so many years. Affable, kindly of manner and of voice, the visitor quickly feels that the title of "gentleman" is more than an expression of courtesy. It is a fitting designation for David Warren Hanks who lives with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Pinneo.

It was the name Hanks that allured me to his home, for it is a name made famous by a young frontier woman who died an early death in a cabin home in Indiana in 1818, leaving a 9-year-old-son named Abraham, Abraham Lincoln. David Warren Hanks and Nancy Hanks Lincoln were once removed cousins, that is Nancy Hanks and Mr. Hanks' father were first cousins. Mr. Hanks is a grandson of Thomas Hanks, Nancy's uncle. The Hanks family moved from Hampshire county, Virginia, now West Virginia, to Kentucky in 1784, the year of Nancy Hanks' birth. The head of the family was Joseph Hanks whose wife was Ann, with a surname which has been lost in the dust of the years. Joseph and Ann had five sons and four daughters. One of the sons, Thomas, married Catherine Beck in Kentucky. Of that family came Joseph B. Beck, who once represented that state. One of the sons, Samuel G. The Becks were Scotch.

Thomas Hanks and his family with several of his brothers and

December 27, 1948

Mr. C. M. Cochran
401 Lane Building
Davenport, Iowa

My dear Mr. Cochran:

It was very kind of you indeed to provide us with the story of the interview with David W. Hanks.

Although the story does not fit into the picture we have here on the sons of Joseph Hanks, Sr. nevertheless this may be the correct one and the one we have may be in error. We shall at least make a careful notation on it and when opportunity arrives make a thorough checking of it.

Very truly yours,

LAW:JM
L.A. Warren

Director

Nancy (Hanks) and her husband John were from Tennessee
" " Uncle was Thomas Hanks

Hanks family moved from Hampshire County, W.V. to Kentucky in 1784
the year of Nancy's birth.

Joseph Hanks father of Thomas

- 4 Thomas Hanks married Catherine Beck in Kentucky
- 2 Samuel S Hanks son of Thomas moved to White Oak County
- 3 Nancy married Hanks one June 1790

